

Gen. M. L. Bonham, chairman of the board of railroad commissioners, accompanied by his clerk, Mr. Bartlett, left here for Spartanburg upon a special train at 6.30 this morning, to investigate the operations of the Spartanburg and Asheville Railroad. The special train was provided by Superintendent of the road, Mr. C. H. Haskell, and was composed of the Asheville and Greenville Railroad, Col. John C. Haskell, counsel for the Richmond and Danville lines in South Carolina, was upon the special train and the party was completed by Mr. B. C. Sloan, of the *Augusta Chronicle*, and a representative of *The News and Courier*.

The whole party was entertained by Superintendent Bartlett. After a rather warm ride the train arrived in Spartanburg at 10.30. Commissioner Duncan, having boarded the special at Union, a delegation from the Spartanburg Board of Trade met the commissioner at the station, and the party was escorted to the hall of the Board of Trade of that city.

Railroad Commissioner Jerey reinforced the commission at 12 o'clock, having arrived from his home at Flat Rock, N. C. About forty persons were assembled in the Board of Trade rooms. They represented the citizens of Union, Spartanburg, Flat Rock, Henderson and Asheville. The board began their investigation by hearing the memorials from Spartanburg and Union.

The Spartanburg memorial represented that Union County had voted \$150,000 for the Asheville and Spartanburg Road, Spartanburg had voted \$100,000, Anderson \$100,000 and Buncombe County \$100,000, and what did they get for their money? nothing. This road was being discriminated against by the Richmond and Danville line.

About thirteen years ago the counties of Union, Spartanburg, Henderson and Buncombe made large subscriptions to build the road. After a hard struggle it was finished to Hendersonville. Then came the many futile efforts to extend the road from that point, and when it was built the work was only half done, showing that those who controlled it were opposed to its being put in good running order. Since the road has been put in good condition it is worth nothing except for local traffic and travel. It has been very evident that those in control had successfully bottled up the road. Col. Andrews, of the Western North Carolina, said to one of our citizens some time ago that he had gone to New York and prevented the completion of the road for two years, and, furthermore, he knew that every dollar's worth of freight carried by this road took two dollars from the Western North Carolina Road. That shows the spirit of the controlling stockholders. There are 570 shares of stock, of which the Richmond and Terminal West Point Company owns 362. Of the balance about \$50,000 is owned in Charleston, and \$100,000 in Georgia. The other \$88,000 is owned in Spartanburg. At the annual meeting of the stockholders, Col. B. Y. McAden, holder of the proxies of the Richmond and Terminal Company, and of course he controls the election of officers and everything else. Such has been the management of the road, and it seems to be the determination of the majority to freeze out the minority, or cripple the working of the road so that it will never pay a dividend. If one in Spartanburg desired a load of lumber from Asheville, sixty-eight miles distant, it would be sent around by Charlotte, and at three times the cost on the short line.

The memorial from Union was practically the same as that from Spartanburg. These memorials were endorsed by S. R. Kepler for the city of Asheville, J. P. Rickman as mayor and for the town of Henderson, and J. W. Price for the town of Flat Rock. Col. R. Y. McAden, president of the Spartanburg and Asheville Road, replied to the memorials and admitted everything in them to be correct, but pleaded for the Richmond Terminal Company, saying that the system had been changing hands so often that they had not had the time to look after this road, but at a late meeting they had promised faithfully to fulfill an agreement made with the Asheville and Spartanburg several years ago, and to give proper freight and passenger rates over this road and to discriminate against it no longer.

Col. McAden thought that the commissioners had frightened the management, and that they were now ready to do what was right. He thought that as they had acknowledged themselves in the wrong the board of commissioners should give them thirty days to fulfill their promises, and if at the end of that time the management had not done so, to bring all the law to bear upon them and make them fulfill their contract.

Col. Haskell then spoke. He was there not for the purpose of representing the people, but came to represent the new management of the Richmond and Danville. He did not know of his personal knowledge, but would admit whatever President McAden said to be correct. He had simply to state that the new management proposed to immediately supply additional rolling stock for that road, adjust the freight and passenger rates, and give it the legitimate share of the business, and there would be no discrimination. He hoped the commission would not attempt to take any more testimony or continue this investigation, for when a man pleaded guilty the taking of evidence was never continued. Mr. Thomas, superintendent of the Richmond and Danville, would be responsible for the fulfilling of the contract with this road. The change of ownership and the financial conditions of the Richmond and Danville were explained by him, giving this road any attention before this time. The memorials then withdrew, and drew up a resolution to the effect that, as their accusations had been admitted, they considered no further testimony necessary, and the commissioners were requested to adjourn their investigation for thirty days. Commissioner Bonham stated that the resolution would be considered, and he adjourned the meeting *sine die*.

Superintendent E. B. Thomas, of the Richmond and Danville system, Col. Sol. Haas, traffic manager, and V. E. McFee, superintendent of the Western North Carolina Road, arrived in Spartanburg as the commissioners adjourned. Mr. McFee was, later in the day, appointed superintendent of the Spartanburg and Asheville Road. The entire party seemed very well satisfied with the arrangement. If promises can be relied upon, the stockholders of the Spartanburg and Asheville Road will have no more grounds for complaint. The commission and all the railroad men dined at the Hotel Windsor, and at 3.30 the special train pulled out of the Spartan City.

IT TAKES TWO DAYS TO TELL THE TRUTH.—The present comedy of guardianship over each other's city is being performed with success by our esteemed friends of Augusta and Charleston, the result being a large fund of valuable information and some advantage for the public.

It appears there has been a mild row among the stockholders of the Charleston cotton mill. An investigating committee having reported against the present management and blundering. The stockholders suppressed this report, by a majority vote, at their annual meeting and the Charleston newspaper reveals nothing of its contents. Its Augusta contemporary kindly supplies the omission, however, and outlines the entire story.

In Augusta the street railway company has cut down the wages of its drivers and conductors ten per cent. to get even on a verdict for \$3,700 recently found against it for injury to a lady passenger. The Augusta newspaper fails to tell us much of this interesting fact in its own city, but the News and Courier, printed 125 miles away, tells all about it under the headline "A soulless corporation."

These things are funny, but they teach an important and serious lesson. It is that those who wish to harness the news of Charleston and Augusta, must initially take both the *Augusta Chronicle* and the *News and Courier* at a cost for both of \$20, or adopt the far wiser course of subscribing to the *Greenville Daily News*, \$6 a year in advance.—*Greenville News*.

EXPLANATION OF SIGNAL FLAGS.

White Flag, indicates fair or clear weather.
Orange Flag, indicates local rains.
Blue Flag, indicates general rains.
Black triangle Flag, refers to temperature.
When placed above—either the white, orange or blue flag, indicates rising temperature; when placed below those flags, falling temperature and when absent from the pole, stationary temperature.
White flag with black square in centre indicates decidedly colder weather, and is generally issued 24 hours in advance of the expected fall of temperature, and is not given unless the fall is expected to reach 45° or below.

We were glad to meet our good friend Dr. J. N. Moore of Spartanburg, in town last week. Dr. looks hale and hearty.

Our kind friend, Mrs. S. Crosby, has laid us under additional obligations to her for very timely and acceptable products of her garden.

We are requested to give notice to all persons having business with the County Treasurer that he will be at his office the first Monday and the third Saturday of each month, during the Summer, and until further notice.

The fine carriage and horses belonging to Hon. S. J. Tilden at his death, is now owned by Mr. Heidig, at Salisbury, North Carolina. The turn-out cost \$5,000. And Mr. John Wadsworth, of Charlotte, is now trying to buy Gen. Grant's fine carriage and horses.

Ice Cream free from all adulteration a BUCHHEIT'S.

A Broom Factory is soon to be established at Bishopville, Sumter County. Mr. P. G. Bowman, the proprietor, has already ordered the machinery, and planting Broom Corn on a large scale will be the order of the day in that county next year.

The owners of a light draft steamboat, intended to ply the Congaree river from Columbia to connect with the Santee Steamers, are overhauling their boat for passengers and freight and say "they intend to command freight from Columbia if close cutting will accomplish it." That will be of considerable benefit to the up-country, in the way of reducing freights to Charleston.

Our young friends, C. H. Peake and Mac Young went to Columbia on Wednesday, to appear before the Supreme Court for examination to be admitted to the practice of law. These young men have been faithful students and possess high order of talent, and we truly hope they will pass through the ordeal of examination with the wisest success their studious application and personal merits deserve.

Go to BUCHHEIT'S for Ice Cold Soda Water with pure Fruit Syrups.

Although we are aware that our farmers have but little time to think, talk or do anything outside of their farming operations, just at this time, we hope the committees appointed at the public meeting to obtain subscriptions for the County Cotton Factory, will embrace every opportunity offered to create an interest in it, so that they will be able to make encouraging reports of progress to the meeting in June.

If we expect to accomplish any good work like this, we must be persistent active and untiring in our efforts.

It is a noticeable fact, but no doubt all right, that while about every one of our exchanges from surrounding counties show a lively business display of new Spring advertisements, the advertising columns of the *Times* show no such life in the business of the town. Of course, the merchants know what is their own interest best, but if it is true, as is often said, that the life, spirit and enterprise of a town can be safely estimated from the advertising columns of its local newspaper, Union business men don't exhibit much life, spirit or enterprise, this Spring, at least.

For Ice Cream and Cake, Soda Water, Milk Shakes and Lemonade go to BUCHHEIT'S.

Although we have not as yet received orders from railroad headquarters to change the published schedule, nevertheless the schedule of running on the S. U. & C. road was changed last Monday—the train from Columbia arriving at this depot at 1:42, remaining long enough for passengers to enjoy one of Capt. Gibbs' splendid dinners. The train from Spartanburg now arrives here at 5:5 P. M. and leaves at 6:10. The up-train runs straight through to Asheville, and makes connection at Spartanburg with the Atlanta and Charlotte road.

The Southern Baptist Convention, now in session at Louisville, Ky., is said to be one of the ablest and most dignified ecclesiastical bodies that has ever been assembled in the South. The financial condition of the church, as shown by the reports from the various officials to the convention, is eminently satisfactory and the numerical advancement of its membership was never more gratifying. Among the large delegation from this State we notice the names of the following well known in this region:

Acock, R. E. Covington, B. G.
Allen, E. S. Derieux, W. T.
Ezell, H. K. Hardin, D. C.
Hoy, J. A. Scaife, C. T.
Willeford, C. R. Wingo, J. W.

We are much pleased to learn that Mr. James Rogers, who we stated two weeks ago had the misfortune of having his arm amputated, in consequence of injuries received in a Cotton Gin near Jonesville, is fast recovering and is now out of danger.

By-the-way, we ask pardon of Mr. Rogers for naming him in our previous notice as a colored man. We got his accident mixed up in our mind with a similar accident last year to a colored man, and not knowing Mr. Rogers personally we made the mistake. Mr. Rogers are informed by his neighbors, is a most excellent man, industrious, honest and sober, but has the misfortune to be like an innumerable class of his fellow citizens, in not having more of this world's goods than the law allows or it is convenient to possess, and the loss of an arm is a very serious misfortune to him.

The report discloses one of the most unblushing and heartless conspiracies against the people who built the road, that was ever concocted by any corporation and by its own confession, made unblushingly in the meeting, by its representatives, stamps the Richmond and Danville organization, a soulless, corrupt and infamously selfish monopoly, altogether unworthy the confidence of the public.

It now appears that for years those who built the road, and were entitled to the advantages it would naturally give them, have been systematically cheated out of thousands of dollars annually, by intentional delay in completing the road, and after it was completed in directing the freight belonging to it to be shipped hundreds of miles round, in order that the R. & D. monopoly may pocket so much more charges for the increased distance they compelled it to travel.

We can only imagine the infamy a full investigation would have disclosed, from the great anxiety evinced by the President of the road not to have it proceed. We await in doubt the fulfillment of the promises made.

The following remarks in an editorial of the *News and Courier*, upon the subject, is exactly to the point:

With the official statements before us, as to the conduct of the management and as to the motives which have inspired them to so sudden reform—after they have been convicted of deliberately wrecking the road under their control—the question comes up again, with redoubled force, whether they can be safely depended on to carry out the large promises so liberally made in their behalf? To this question, we think, there is but one answer, and that answer we have given already, and abide by it. "The control of the road should not be allowed to remain longer in hands that have been proved to be utterly inimical to every interest dependent upon it. The Richmond and Danville syndicate have played the part of wreckers of this property, ever since it came into their hands, and cannot be trusted with it."

We have no faith in the conversion of any corporation, under compulsion and fear. If the memorialists were indeed more interested in having the road in which they have sunk their money "improved and run successfully," in their interests, than in "furnishing texts for newspaper paragraphs and editorials" for the indefinite time in future, we still think that they made a lamentable mistake in asking the commission to adjourn just when they did.

A Bright Outlook.

Since last Thursday night every section of our county have been blessed with fine rains, making everything and everybody look bright and hopeful. The rains have fallen in copious showers almost every day and every specie of crops have taken on a new growth and put on a "living green." Cotton and Corn have come out wonderfully and have a "greasy" healthy look. Oats have shot up three and four inches and are still growing finely. Wheat looks much better, but it is feared, cannot completely recover the back set it received from the long, cold and windy drought.

Gardens are, now doing finely, and we are reveling in English Peas and Strawberries with fine prospects for all other vegetables.

Farmers are throwing out their skimmers to fight the grass, upon its first appearance, determined to keep it down, if possible.

We have never known people to go into a crop with greater determination to get from it all that faithful persistent work can accomplish than our farmers appear to have done this year. But few of them are seen in town, except upon necessary business or when they can do nothing in the crops; and if we are blessed with continued favorable seasons, we confidently believe next Fall our farmers will have more home-raised provisions and be in better financial condition than they have been since the war. Better work and better management will accomplish it.

The Treasurer's Office.

On Wednesday last Gen. Jos. F. Gist formally turned over to his successor, Mr. J. B. T. Scott, all the books, papers, money, &c., belonging to the office of Treasurer of Union County, and Mr. Scott thereupon formally took possession of that important office.

Gen. Gist retires from office with much honor and credit. He has discharged the intricate duties of Treasurer faithfully and with a high and conscientious regard for the best interests of the county. No man could have performed the duties more satisfactorily or with greater fidelity.

Mr. Scott is a young man of probity of character and good business qualities, and we welcome him to the high trust to which he has been elevated by his fellow, believing that the same promptness, accuracy and fidelity which made his predecessor's term of office so honorable and correct, will characterize his performance of the duties of the office during his term.

Interesting Centennial Services.

We are informed that the congregation of Skull Shoals church will celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the organization of that church next Sunday, the services to commence to-morrow, Saturday, the 14th.

These services are expected to be of more interest than usual. Dr. Bailey, an eminent and eloquent minister, of Greenville, will deliver the Centennial sermon, on Sunday, and other speakers of note will be there during the days and give additional zest and interest to the occasion.

Pic-nic at Mesopotamia.

A Pic-nic will be given to the Sunday School of Mesopotamia Baptist church on the Saturday before the 31 Sunday in June, and all who love to see children enjoy themselves in good Christian manner are invited to attend. We return thanks for a special invitation to make one of the party, but knowing it will not be possible for us to be there, we send our heartiest wish that it may be a truly joyful day for all who do attend.

Jonesville Circuit Supplied.

Mr. Stokes.—Please announce that the Rev. James E. Mahaffy will take charge of the Jonesville Circuit, and enter upon his work next Sunday, the 15th inst., at Wesley Chapel and Bethlehem Churches.

W. H. S. HARRIS.

Clinton is a growing town, and its citizens are enterprising and pushing, and we see no reason why the *Enterprise* should not be a success. We can safely warn the business men of Clinton that if they do not support the *Enterprise* under its present worthy and able management, they will never have so good a paper published there after.

The following contradictory statements of two respectable newspapers published in the good old town of Camden, must be fun for those who persistently contend that "newspapers will lie"—under great mistakes sometimes:

TELLING ALREADY.—The merchants of Camden are already beginning to realize the benefits accruing to business by the building of the 3 C R. R. One firm sold over \$300 worth of goods to a railroad man last Tuesday; another sold over \$200 worth; and a third store in town received from \$80 to \$200 per week for goods sold to workmen engaged on the road. It is beginning to tell on business already, and will continue with increasing perceptibility as the weeks roll by.—*Kershaw Gazette*.

WHAT BECOMES OF IT?—Well, work on the new road has been going on now for more than a month and the weekly payment to employees will, we understand, run from \$500 to \$700, but thus far we have failed to find any one who says that there is any more money in circulation than usual. As a matter of fact, a majority of the business men assert that they have never before seen money scarcer than it is now; the cash trade was never more limited than it is at this time, and to take it all in all, they are satisfied as to what becomes of the outside cash that is paid to the hands on the new road each week. The question is, "What becomes of the money?"—*Camden Journal*.

We have received a copy of the Premium List of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society for the Nineteenth Agricultural Fair, to be held at Columbia next November, commencing on Tuesday, the 8th.

The list of premiums is very liberal and embraces everything of any importance in Agriculture, Horticulture, Domestic Economy, Mechanics, the Arts and Sciences, and all kindred industries.

The pamphlet is printed in excellent style by Charles A. Calvo, Jr., of Columbia, and in that respect is certainly a great improvement upon nearly all the premium lists heretofore gotten up by the Society. We have often thought that pamphlets for such occasions should be printed in the finest style of typography, as specimens of the excellence of work, in that particular industry, that could be done in the State, instead of the slovenly and poverty-stricken work they usually present.

Miss Jonnie Graham, a lady well known in this community, died last Wednesday, from measles, at her residence in Santon township.

Miss Graham always expressed great dread of measles, and all her life avoided contact with them, and hers is another evidence of the susceptibility and danger of persons taking certain diseases of which they are continually in dread.

The reports to the daily press of the State, upon the condition of the crops, are very cheering. In sections of the lower counties they have not suffered a day for want of rain, consequently the crops have grown off finely, but in most of the upper counties no rain fell from the first day of April until the 5th of May, while the weather all that time was very cold and high winds prevailed, so that all vegetation was at a standstill; and the ground was so dry and cold that the seed sown did not germinate. Since the rains, however, everything has a different appearance—good stands of cotton, while oats, wheat and corn are all booming.

EDITORIAL LUNAR SUIT.—Capt. F. W. Dawson, editor of the *News and Courier*, arrived in New York on Tuesday from France, in the Steamer Lagrange. He has been visiting his family who are at present sojourning in France. He was met by a United Press reporter at the New York hotel. He had pinned to his vest the ribbon of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, given to him by Pope Leo XIII, for his long fight against dueling. The Captain was very much annoyed by an editorial paragraph which appeared in Monday's Sun. He denounced the paragraph as untruthful and uncalled for. "It is a wanton attack upon my good name, and I propose to bring suit for \$100,000 against the Sun for libel." He entered suit against the Sun for libel, placing his damages at \$100,000. The libel consisted in the following:

"Who, that didn't know the fact, would suppose that not more than a dozen years ago Mr. F. W. Dawson, editor of the Charleston *News and Courier*, was the seedy supplicant and pensioner of the South Carolina thieves."

POWDERLY DENOUNCED.—Chicago, May 10.—The *Daily News* publishes the text of a long circular, said to have been sent out to all prominent Knights of Labor, and Secretaries of Assemblies in California, Oregon, Colorado, Nebraska, Illinois; Michigan and Missouri, by local Assembly 8,133 of Portland, Oregon. The circular denounces General Master Workman Powderly for his rejoicing over the result of the Chicago Municipal election and embodies resolutions passed by the Assembly demanding that Powderly be deposed from office. The *Daily News* says that the Knights are on the eve of a great revolt, and the circular is the result of a concerted move by which, if the Assembly is suspended, a general withdrawal from the order will follow.

NEWBERRY COTTON MILLS.—The annual meeting of Stockholders of the Newberry Cotton Mills was held yesterday. The President reported that since their last meeting the capital had been increased \$69,000; which enabled the Board to fill the Mill to its capacity; that they now have at work 10,000 spindles and 320 looms, working up about 100 bales of cotton per week—made into standard and heavy brown sheetings, for which they find ready sale at remunerative prices. They have now on hand nearly five months supply of cotton at the low prices of last fall. Altogether the outlook is encouraging and there is a good prospect of the Mills showing good results for the coming year.

HORSES KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—Sumter, May 6.—During a thunder storm which passed over town late this afternoon two horses, the property of William Bogan, were killed by lightning. The driver had quite a narrow escape, having just left the wagon to which the animals were attached.

Considerable time will be devoted to a discussion of matters pertaining to journalism. J. E. Boggess, Esq., of the *Pickens Sentinel*, is the Annual Orator, with W. M. Jones, of the *Spartanburg Herald*, as Alternate.

The first object of the Association is business. A definite programme has not yet been arranged, but the following topics have been named for discussion at this meeting:

Regulation of Foreign Advertising—Agencies and Prices.

The Subscription List.

The effect of Sensational Publications upon the Morals of our Country.

The Press as an Educator; its responsibility for the Moral Status of the reading world.

Is it expedient for, or incumbent upon, newspapers to publish items of doubtful moral purport?

It is proposed at the close of the meeting to take a trip to New York by the Clyde Line of steamers. Tickets from Charleston and return, good for thirty days, will be sold to newspaper representatives and their families, at \$20 each; provided, a party of twenty-five can be made up. The steamer will leave Charleston on Saturday, the 4th of June. Capt. Courtney, the agent of the Clyde Line, requests that at least ten days notice be given, so that berths, etc., can be arranged.

All who intend to go will please notify the President of the Association at once, stating the number of tickets wanted.

JOHN B. BONNER, PRES. M. SWEENEY, Secretary. Press Ass'n.

The Union County Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Will hold its 23rd Session at Putnam Church, beginning on Friday before the 5th Sunday in this month, at 11 A. M.

PROGRAMME.

Friday, 11 A. M., Devotional Exercises. Reports from Sunday Schools, enrollment of Delegates, &c. 1 P. M., discussion of subjects:

1st. How can we best secure the co-operation of all church members in the Sunday School? Presented by Rev. H. K. Ezell.

2d. The benevolence of a Sunday School; its importance, and how best developed? Introduced by Rev. J. E. Covington.

SATURDAY, 10 A. M., DISCUSSION OF SUBJECTS.

1st. The evils of a lax discipline in our churches. Introduced by H. F. Scaife.

2d. What proportion of the members of our churches help to support the Gospel, and how may we enlist the rest? Speaker Rev. J. D. Bailey.

1 P. M., DISCUSSION OF SUBJECTS.

1st. Are Baptists, as a rule, faithful to the Gospel temperance in dealing with dram-drinkers? Presented by D. N. Wilburn.

2d. How can the winter months be best employed by our churches to promote their spiritual prosperity? Speaker C. B. Bobo.

Sunday, 10 A. M., Sunday School mass meeting. Speakers Rev. J. D. Bailey and D. N. Wilburn.

11 A. M. MISSIONARY SERMON BY REV. J. E. COVINGTON.

We earnestly ask the co-operation of every church and Sunday school in the county in the work of promoting the Sunday School interest in our midst. Let every school and church that has no school have its delegates present with a written report of its condition.

S. CROSBY, For Committee on Programme.

THE GEORGIA AND CAROLINA MIDLAND RAILROAD.—A meeting of the Directors of the Georgia and Carolina Midland R. R. was held in Newberry yesterday. The following directors were present: President R. M. Mitchell of Augusta, Vice-President Wm. Munro of Union, Dr. Black, of Black's Station, James T. Douglass, H. L. Goss, A. A. Sarraff and David Johnson Jr., of Union, A. J. Norris and Zed Crouch of Edgefield, and R. L. McCaughrin and Jas. Y. Culbreath of Newberry.

One object of the meeting was to consider the matter of consolidating with the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago R. R.—commonly known as the "three C's"—at Black's Station. The following were appointed a committee to continue the negotiations heretofore begun for consolidating with the three C's: R. M. Mitchell, Wm. Munro, Dr. Black and R. L. McCaughrin. This committee is empowered, in case the consolidation is not effected, to take steps to float the bonds of the road as may seem best.

The prospectus of the road are very good. The line from Augusta to Newberry, with the exception of about seven miles, has been graded, and cross-ties have been distributed along several miles of the road.

The three C's road, mentioned above, is projected from Ashland, Ky., on the Ohio river, to Charleston. It runs through one of the finest iron and coal sections in the country. Sixty-five miles of the upper end of the road is complete and running, and also the forty-five miles between Rutherfordton, N. C., and Black's, S. C. A force of twelve hundred hands is at work, and large shipments of iron have been received for further track-laying.—*Newberry Observer* 5th.

SOMETHING FOR UNION TO THINK ABOUT.—Greenville is 6,000 bales of cotton behind last year's receipts and 17,000 bales behind the big year of 1880-81. Probably a million dollars less has been paid out for cotton here than was paid six years ago.

Yet the city has grown and flourished, many new houses have opened, many important enterprises have been established, population has increased, and there is plenty of money seeking safe investment.

Why? Because Greenville learned long ago not to depend entirely on buying, handling and selling cotton; manufacturers have been established here and all around us, educational institutions have been nourished and the people have kept good heart and hope and an unshaken faith in the city. By one means and another a stream of ready money has been kept moving all the time, and enterprise has brought here hundreds of thousands of the dollars paid out for cotton elsewhere.

We should have learned by this time that our only hope for maintaining progress and prosperity is to encourage the manufacturing industries we have, and aid in the establishment of others by every possible method.—*Greenville News*.

While a procession was moving at Clinton, N. C., on Saturday, Col. Wm. C. Jones was thrown from his horse and his drawn sword, held in his hand, was driven through the body of H. A. James, one of the marshals. Both men are badly hurt.

New Horses.—At the recent sale of blooded stock in Lexington, Ky., Representative W. H. Terry bought two horses which have arrived here. One is a very handsome saddle horse. The other is one of the most promising trotters in the South, a stallion four years old. He has made a mile in 2:44 and is strictly standard bred, a grandson of George Wilkes, who was sired by Hambletonian. He is a beautiful bay sixteen hands high and promises to develop great speed.—*Greenville News*.

Local Items.

Messrs. Graham & Sparks and W. D. Dewley have erected an awning in front of their places of business, which adds, besides comfort, some attraction to that side of the street.

The Sunday School Convention of Bogusville township will celebrate "Children's Day" on May 21. Col. I. G. McKissick has been invited to deliver an address on that occasion.

Mr. W. B. Oliphant is receiving many kind words of congratulation on the way in which he performed the duties of Conductor in the absence of Mr. Hughes. We predict a bright future for Mr. Oliphant in the railroad world.

The Methodist Sunday School, in conjunction with the different white Sunday schools here, will give a picnic to-day at Rice's Grove. It is needless to state that it will be a pleasant occasion.

Business seems to have taken a new "boom" in Union, if one may judge from the different infantile establishments that have been opened up in our town of late by the "young fry." The latest opening is that of Messrs. Hobbs Miller and Claude Graham on Mountain street.

We are glad to see that Mr. O. E. Hughes has again resumed his duties on the S. U. & C. R. R. For some time Mr. Hughes has been quite unwell, and his many friends are glad to welcome him back again. May your shadow never grow less Mr. Hughes.

We have been requested to call attention to the fact that there has been for some time past a willful violation of the law in Goshen Hill township, by a man who has no name, and who sells whiskey from his wagon to the negroes and other laborers, thereby injuring the farmers to a serious extent. This man can be dealt with by the law if the proper officers will only do their duty.

A most delightful day was spent by some of our young people at Glenn Springs last Wednesday, in the way of a picnic. The gay crowd left here at an early hour and spent the day drinking the splendid water and "lounging around," and all say that a pleasanter day they have never spent. The Proprietors of the Hotel, the Messrs. Simpson, were especially kind and considerate of the pic-nickers, and their praises are sung by all. Glenn Springs is certainly the best place for a picnic we ever saw, and the memories of the past that are associated with the beautiful walks, avenues and groves, bring up sweet recollections.

A match game of base ball will be played on next Monday afternoon between the following "sides":

Mac Young.	Pitcher.	Thos. Murphy
L. P. Murphy.	Catcher.	Quay Rice
B. C. Jennings.</		